Library News

BOOKS FOR CHRISTMAS GIVING & READING:

Everywhere, everywhere, Christmas tonight!
Christmas in lands of the fir-tree and pine,
Christmas in the lands of the palm tree and vine
Christmas where snow peaks stand solemn and white,
Christmas where cornfields lie sunny and bright,
Everywhere, everywhere, Christmas tonight!"

—Philip Brooks from **Christ and The Fine Arts.**

The Night Before Christmas by Clement C. Moore — illustrated with paintings by Grandma Moses. At Christmas times, there are many cheap editions of this country's basic epic of Christmas — but Grandma Moses' kind of paintings gay, wintry, old-fashioned and very Christmasy.

The Grandma Moses Storybook for Boys and Girls—

This is a treasure trove of stories and poems by 28 outstanding writers, including Rachel Field, Laura Ingalls Wilker and Robert Frost. It is beautifully illustrated by the much-loved artist, Grandma Moses. In the preface of the book, you will find an autobiographical sketch of the "Grandma Moses" whose real name was Anna Mary Robertson before her marriage to Thomas Salmon Moses. Their first home was in Staunton, Va., where all of their children were born.

The Fireside Book of Christmas Stories — edited by Edward Wagenknecht.

The Appomattox County library has many books which which have collections of Christmas classics which are good for family reading. This is one which has the following:

"The Other Wise Man" by Henry Van Dyke
"The First Christmas Tree by Henry Van Dyke
"Christmas Papers" by Washington Irving
"A Christmas Carol" by Charles Dickens
"The Bird's Christmas Carol" by Kate Douglas Wiggin
"A Plantation Christmas" by Archibald Rutledge

Amahl And The Night Visitors— by Gian - Carlo Menotti

This is a beautiful Christmas Story which you will view many times through the television programs this season. It tells of a crippled shepherd boy who entertained the Wise Men on their way to Bethlehem, of the simple gift he gave them for the Christ Child, and of the miraculous gift he received in return.

The Southern Christmas Book— by Harnett Kane

This is the full story from earliest times to the present day Christmas observations in the South — beginning with the first Christmas Tree in Virginia —this was just off the green in Williamsburg at theSt. George Tucker House in 1842. A young Greek and Latin professor at the College of William and Mary named Charles Frederic Ernest Minnegerode who came to America from England brought the custom of decorating a Christmas Tree from Europe where Martin Luther was to have been the one to have the first Christmas Tree.

At the conclusion of the book, you will find authentic recipes such as "Martha Washington's GREAT CAKE — Sally Lunn Spoon Bread, Lady Baltimore Cake, Beaten Biscuit, Washington Pie, etc. . . .

This book is written with understanding and true feeling, and will make an ideal Christmas Gift.

CHRISTMAS IDEA BOOK by Dorothy Biddle

Here are decorating themes for all through the house — Front door, hall, living room, dining room — more than 20 Christmas table ideas — also how to gift wrap and display Christmas cards.

A Child's Book of Christmas Carols — illustrated by Masha

This beautiful book was first printed in 1943 — it has remained ageless in beauty just as the songs, words, and music of the following favorites have lived — "Away in a Manger" — The First Nowell", etc —

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Rocks

Dec. 12 — Farmers were satisfied with prices for their tobacco last week.

A number from here attended the M. night meeting at Liberty last Monday night.

Mrs. Dave Childress was a winner in the Westinghouse Con-

test in Farmville last week.

Mrs. Clest McIntosh and daughter, Melinda, and grandmother, Mrs. Mildred Inge, left last Tuesday for Waynesboro to be over night guests of the former's sister, Mrs. Dora Jean Williams, and to attend the birthday celebration for the latter.

Mrs. John Ranson was on the sick list last week.

The Home Demonstration Club held its meeting and Christmas party in the home of Mrs. W. R. Moore Thursday night.

The Week of Prayer for Foreign Missions and the Lottie Moon Christmas offering will be observed Dec. 13. The theme for the week is "Crown Him Lord of All.' The W.M.S. of Rocks Church will meet in the following places: Monday night with Mrs. Mildred Inge, Wednesday night at church, and Friday all day with Mrs. Evelyn Almond. Friends are invited to attend the season of Prayer.

Sympathy is extended Mrs. W. H. Elder in the death of her mother, Mrs. Gossom.

Friends are sorry to hear Mrs. Bobby Mitchell entered Virginia Baptist Hospital for surgery Thursday.

Mr. McCanley, of Charlottesville, was the guest speaker for the Gideons Sunday. He brought a fine message.

Mail Early For Christmas

Postmaster H. W. Comer said today, that the present flow of Christmas cards is running about the same as last year. He suggests that all gift parcels to most distant points be sent by Air Mail from now on.

Speaking about Christmas gift packages, the Postmaster said, "I cannot emphasize too strongly the vital need for packing and wrapping your Christmas gifts securely. Pack all your gifts in sturdy cartons, wrap them with heavy paper, and tie them securely with strong cord. It is sometimes hard to understand why people will be so careless about putting valuable Christmas gifts into the mails in flimsy boxes and loosely wrapped packages. Many of these poorly wrapped gifts simply cannot stand the necessary handling, and thus cause much delay and disappointment all around."

The Postmaster further suggests that it is best to print the recipient's full name, street address, city, zone or ZIP Code number and state on all mailing labels, making sure to include an extra label inside your gift packages.

If you'll send all your Christmas cards by First Class mail, using the new five cent Christmas Tree stamps, and include your name and address on the envelopes, you'll help your friends to keep their mailing lists up-to-date. Further, you are assured that any cards that cannot be delivered will be returned to you for corrected addresses.

If you wish to enclose your Christmas card or letter in your gift package, merely add the appropriate letter postage to the postage for the package itself and indicate the presence of a letter or Christmas card inside the package.

The Postmaster expressed his thanks for the fine public cooperation to date.

4-H Club

Mrs. Harvey's 4-H had their regular meeting today. They were called to order by the president.

Our speaker was Mr. E. L. Ayers. He talked about Safety with electricity. He also gave us a fact sheet about Grounding Electrical Equipment. We talked about grounding electricity and how we could be the conductor of it.

Then the meeting was adjourned by the president.

Reporter.

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thern States Cake Cutting

s cake cutting time at the Southern States Co-stockholders meeting held in Richmond recently, as ciation celebrated its 40th anniversary. Shown here the knife is W. J. Trent, Jr., (left) of Appomattox. t is W. T. Coleman, representing the cooperative's ted in Appomattox. Trent was the official delegate ion from the Appomattox area. In addition to the ession, one of the big features of the meeting was an product "roundup" show complete with frontier luding the western hat worn by the delegate, and buffet. Southern States, which is one of the five ional cooperatives in the country, serves over 300,000 in Virginia, Delaware, Maryland, West Virginia and through some 600 retail outlets.

Varsity Rebels Edged Twice

TUESDAY, 3 — The Appomattox varsity Rebels were edged 44-42 by the Holy Cross Goels. This non - district game was the season opener for both clubs.

The game, a heart stopper, was tied after the first and second quarters. There was never more than a five point margin between the team's scores throughout the entire game.

Jimmy Torrence, seeing action for the first time since his injury during football season, led the Rebel five scoring 18 points. The victors were led by guard John Stewart, who netted 30 points.

In an earlier game the Appomattox J. V.'s rallied to an exciting win over the Holy Cross J. V.'s. The Junior Rebs' offensive attack was fast breaks which really paid off.

Appomattox	G	F	T
Smith	4	0-2	8
Farrar	2	3-5	7
Torrence	7	4-5	18
Rodgers	1	1-3	3
Phelps	1	0-1	2
Burke	2	0-1	4
Total	17	8-17	42
Holy Cross	G	F	T
Hedricks	2	3-7	7
Singleton	0	1-3	1
Stewart	11	8-9	30
Eckstein	2	0-0	4
Magri	1	0-2	2
Appo.	8 8 12 14 — 42		
Holy Cross	8 8 17 11 — 44		

FRIDAY, 6 — The Rustburg Red Devils also slipped by the Appomattox Rebels in a hard fought contest. Rustburg's Ed Watkins made two throws and a basket to break the 43-43 tie with only seconds remaining.

The score was at one time showing Rustburg with a 17 point lead, but the gap was closed but fast. Appomattox had a slight lead at the end of the first quarter. In the second Rustburg pulled to a nine point lead. As the game continued the score became closer until it was tied with only two minutes of play remaining. Then came Watkins' winning shots.

John Farrar, Rebels' center, led his team with 14 points, followed by Rodgers with 11 and Torrence scored 10.

Scores of other games played at Rustburg were: Rustburg jayvees won 50-37, Rustburg girls won 22-14, and the Rustburg eighth graders also won 26-16.

Appomattox	G	F	T
Burke	4	0-1	8
Farrar	5	4-8	14
Torrence	5	0-1	10
Phelps	0	2-2	2
Rodgers	5	1-3	11
TOTALS	19	7-16	45

RUSTBURG	G	F	T
Watkins	3	6-6	12
Falwell	4	1-5	9
Mason	4	2-3	10
Foro	1	3-5	5
Eagle	2	1-4	5
Crist	4	0-0	8
Totals	18	13-23	49
Appomattox	12 8 12 13 — 45		
Rustburg	1 1 18 10 10 — 49		

8th Grade 4-H

The 8th Grade 4-H Club met December 5, at 10:05 a.m. in the High School Lounge. The following officers were elected: president, Gene Price; secretary, Kathy Goin; reporter, Judy Goodrich. Mr. Moody told us about the Share the Fun Contest. He reminded us about the Dutch Treat at Maude's January 8. The meeting was then turned over to Miss Berger who presented our Safety program. She divided us up into two groups and we had a quiz program about Safety at Christmas and Safety at Home in Electricity.

Judy Goodrich, Reporter

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